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Sen. George's Wheels to Work bill signed into law

LANSING – Michigan residents who donate to or receive donated vehicles from charitable organizations will receive tax credits and exemptions under legislation signed into law Friday, said Sen. Tom George, R-Texas Township.

Senate Bill 1003, now Public Act 313 of 2004, sponsored by George, provides an income-tax credit for a person donating an automobile to a qualified organization.

“This legislation is designed to be a win-win situation,” George said. “Individuals finding themselves with unneeded vehicles are given an incentive to donate them and eligible people with financial difficulties are able to acquire affordable, reliable transportation.”

The package of bills eliminates the sales tax for qualified individuals that purchase a donated vehicle from a charitable organization and eliminates the use tax for those who are given a donated vehicle. It also requires that they be employed at least 20 hours per week and maintain employment. A person without a job or employed fewer than 20 hours per week could receive a vehicle if able to show a position cannot be accepted without first having transportation.

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